

Leadville, Colo., Oct. 20, 1901.

To

THE UNITED STATES BOARD OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES;

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I enclose you herewith a clipping from our local newspaper concerning the changing of the name of Mt. Massive to that of "Mt. McKinley". This article shows the sentiment of the people of Lake County, wherein Mt. Massive is situate.

I give you the expression of the people of Leadville and Lake County when I tell you that it is decidedly in favor of allowing the grand old mountain to retain the name it now bears. By this it must not be understood that the people of Leadville do not hold a great man with the proper love and respect. The changing of the name of Mt. Massive would cause untold confusion in our local surveys of mining claims. Massive has been the most prominent monument for locations in this section of the State, and I doubt if there is any mountain in the United States that has been used for this purpose as much as Mt. Massive. It is our greatest land mark, and a more characteristic name could not be conceived to give a correct impression of this giant of nature. Massive it is, indeed.

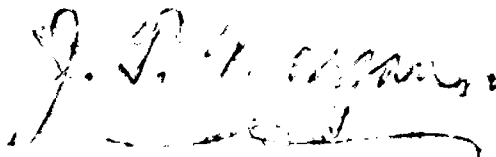
I think the wishes of the people of Leadville should receive more consideration regarding the changing of the name of a mountain which is here and our own rather than the fancies of Denver newspapers, which is by rail over two hundred miles away.

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In a few days you will receive petitions from the people of Leadville with reference to this matter, which I trust you will give due consideration.

With most respect, I am,

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. P. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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